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Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout lockdown, we have been looking at ways of helping families to access reading resources from home. Whilst we acknowledge that eBooks do not bring about all of the joys and benefits of physical texts, our priority is to ensure that every child can easily and safely access a variety of appropriate materials wherever they are currently learning. Many of you will be aware that we have been adding useful reading links on the school's website via the 'Remote Learning Hub.' If you haven't explored our 'Reading from Home' resources on the school website, then please take a look here: https://www.arbury.cambs.sch.uk/website/reading_at_home/468025.

Due to the pandemic, school closures for many of our children and restrictions in the library facilities currently on offer, we understand the difficulties with sourcing age-appropriate texts for your child/ren. To help with this, the school has subscribed to Oxford Owl, which provides access to 100 phonetically decodable eBooks for our KS1 children and 550 levelled eBooks for KS2. It is very easy to use, the text display of pages is clear and engaging and there is the added option of audio. Oxford Owl will work on all devices, including mobile phones, although a larger display is preferable. Each class has been assigned a username and password, which is shown below and is also on their eSchools page. The eBook library is very easy to access.

1. Go to www.oxfordowl.co.uk
2. Click on the 'Log in' link (top right) to open the login form.
3. Make sure the 'Students' tab is highlighted. Type in the class name and password that is displayed on your child's eSchools page and click 'Log in'. You can also find your child's class information below.
4. Select from either the 'Oxford Owl eBook library' (for children in KS2) or the 'eBook Library for Letters and Sounds' (KS1). You can then see all the books in the collection, or you can search within a particular level or age range. More information about this is included below.
5. Click on the eBook to open it. If you'd like the audio, click on the speaker icon.

Finding the right book for your child.

You will be able to see all of the eBooks which are available simply by clicking on either the Oxford Owl eBook icon (for KS2 children) or the eBook Library for Letters and Sounds icon (KS1). Once inside the virtual library, you can simply scroll through the books until you find something of interest, or you can filter the search by your child's age range to help you to find appropriate texts (they are organised into 4-7, 7-9 and 9-11 years). More detailed information about how the books progress is shown in the table below. If you're not sure where to start with selecting appropriate books, just send your child's teacher a message and they will be able to help you to get started.

We will continue to use Accelerated Reader as our school's reading programme (from Year 3 upwards) and rest assured that we will carry on expanding our school's collection of 'real' books for the children to enjoy once we all return to school. The aim of Oxford Owl is simply to provide families with easy access to a range of eBooks as an additional resource going forward and to help support home learning during the current time. Most of the Oxford Owl books are on Accelerated Reader, so remember to remind your child (if in KS2) to take the quiz to show their teacher which books they've been enjoying at home.

Happy reading, everyone! Please do contact us if you have any further questions.

Kind regards

Mrs Morris, Mrs Rawlins and Mrs Whiting.

Please use these details to access your child's eBook library. Please see instructions on previous page.

Class	Username	Password
Class 1	Arbury01	Class01
Class 2	Arbury02	Class02
Class 3	Arbury03	Class03
Class 4	Arbury04	Class04
Class 5	Arbury05	Class05
Class 6	Arbury06	Class06
Class 7	Arbury07	Class07
Class 8	Arbury08	Class08
Class 9	Arbury09	Class09
Class 10	Arbury10	Class10
Class 11	Arbury11	Class11
Class 12	Arbury12	Class12
Class 13	Arbury13	Class13
Class 14	Arbury14	Class14

Oxford Levels and Book Bands

Use the table below to find out which Oxford Level is best suited to your child.

Year group	Age	Oxford Level	Book Band
Nursery	Up to 4 years old	1	Lilac
		1+	Pink
Reception / Primary 1	4-5 years old	1	Lilac
		1+	Pink
		2	Red
		3	Yellow
		4	Light blue
Year 1 / Primary 2	5-6 years old	5	Green
		6	Orange
		7	Turquoise
Year 2 / Primary 3	6-7 years old	8	Purple
		9	Gold
		10	White
		11	Lime
		12	Lime +
		Year 3 / Primary 4	7-8 years old
9			
10			
11	Grey		
12			
13			
14			
Year 4 / Primary 5	8-9 years old	15	Dark blue
		16	
Year 5 / Primary 6	9-10 years old	17	Dark red
		18	
Year 6 / Primary 7	10-11 years old	19	
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